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Re: The Authors Guild, Inc., Association of American Publishers, Inc., et al. v. Google Inc., No. 05 CV 8136 (DC)

Dear Judge Chin:

The Association of Canadian Publishers supports the Amended Google Book Settlement.

The ACP is the voice of Canada's independent English-language book publishing industry. Founded in 1976 as a successor to the Independent Publishers' Association (1972-1976), the ACP represents 133 Canadian-owned and -controlled companies, in every province of Canada. Our members publish in every genre – fiction, children's books, poetry, scholarly works (journals and books), drama, cookbooks, and all areas of non-fiction. ACP members have published the works of thousands of Canadian authors, and have made those works available in dozens of languages and countries around the world.

The ACP holds seats on the boards of all national industry organizations, including the Book and Periodical Council, BookNet Canada, Access Copyright, and the National Reading Summit, and is a member of the Canadian Conference on the Arts and the Canadian Arts Coalition. The ACP is also members of a number of international organizations, including the International Publishers Association, the Coalition for Cultural Diversity, and the *Grupo Iberoamericano de Editores*.

We consider the amended Settlement to be in the best interest of the majority of our members, particularly because it allows many Canadian publishers and/or authors to opt out of the agreement, with a process for doing so that is logical and transparent.

Sincerely,

Rodger Touchie  
President